

BUILDING RULES WILL MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARD

Strength Will Not Be Sacrificed For Cheap Materials.

REVISION IS PROGRESSING

Every Feature of Latest Modern Building Construction Being Considered

"The builder who, to erect buildings of cheap material at the sacrifice of building strength, looks to the committee engaged in revising the building regulations to let down the bars, made high by certain of the present regulations, is likely to be a disappointed man."

While the primary object of the District Commissioners in calling together a committee of representative men to revise the present building regulations was, as has at various times been stated, to meet half way the builder who sought to erect cheap, flimsy structures at the cost of building strength, and who clamored vigorously against certain building regulations because they made this kind of a structure an impossibility, no such end is likely to be attained by the committee on revision, according to Building Inspector Snowden Ashford.

Builders Seek Cheapness.

In describing what in his opinion seems to be the aim of the revision committee, though basing it from the viewpoint of an observer rather than as the committee's chairman, Mr. Ashford thinks that the builders working with an eye entirely to cheapness and not toward maintaining a high standard in the construction of his work, will gather but little sympathy at the hands of the present committee. He thinks that the members of the committee are working with a singleness of purpose—to conserve the public interests by requiring that buildings be erected to meet changed conditions and of materials of tested strength and of proper proportions, even if the cost to the builder is greater.

Will Not Sacrifice Strength.

Although in no sense sounding a note of warning of any radical changes to be made in this direction, yet the Building Inspector, as he views the temper of the committee members, sees no likelihood of their wishing to sacrifice the required strength of buildings to meet the notions of a class of builders who seek profit by erecting houses in which durability is given scant consideration.

In this connection, Building Inspector Ashford does not think that the revision committee views the thirteen-inch party wall requirements in the present regulations, which have been the butt of much adverse criticism, with any pronounced hostility. In fact, he thinks it safe to say that a majority of them will be disposed to let it remain undisturbed, believing that to modify it to any appreciable extent would render dwellings much less fireproof.

In defending his thirteen-inch party wall requirement, Mr. Ashford, as its author, states that in his opinion it particularly fits local building conditions. By its adoption, he says, Washington has shown itself to be far in advance of cities where no such regulation is enforced.

Engineering Problems.

As the work of the revision committee progresses, Mr. Ashford states, the next important matter to be investigated after the subject of light and ventilation has been disposed of, will be that relating to engineering problems. The first question under this head, he says, will be that of deciding upon the most acceptable regulation governing the use of concrete as a building material. Concrete, he points out, has recently come into such general use that it is important to frame a regulation requiring, not only careful inspection, but that it shall be of a standard to meet certain strength tests. It will be the aim of the committee, he states, to secure in this material the proper proportion of cement, gravel, and sand, and the proper tensile and compressive strength. Without proper care being observed to give concrete sufficient strength, Mr. Ashford states that its value as building material is considerably lessened.

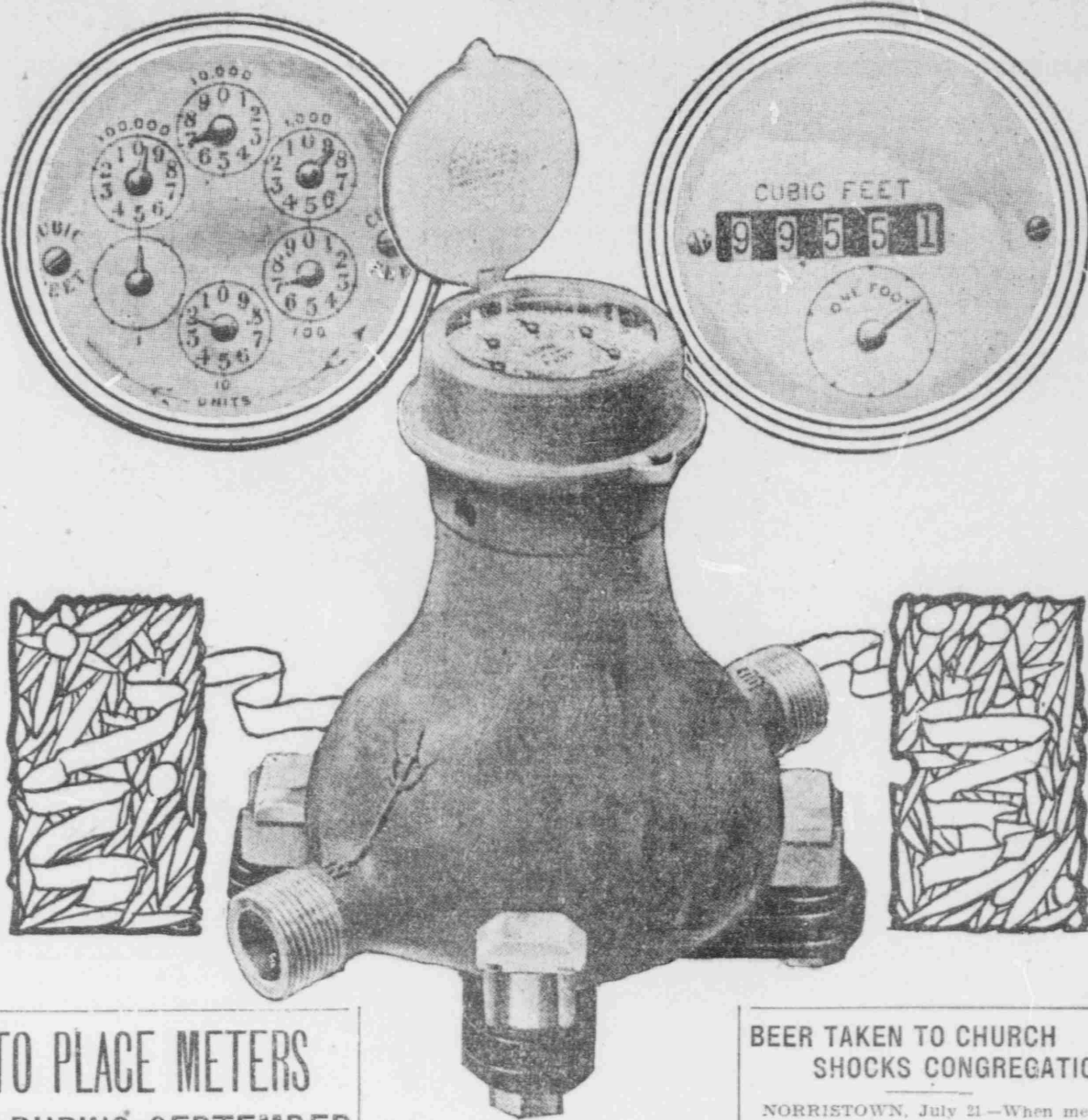
"Although the use of concrete is becoming more common," said Mr. Ashford, "it might yet be called an untried material. I have no doubt that as it is better understood and proper care taken to preserve its building strength, its use in the construction of buildings will become more general. As it is we have in the city several examples of its value to the building world, notably the Columbian building on Fifth street, above D; the Potomac power house on the Eastern Branch, and in addition permits have recently been issued by the Building Department for the erection of several houses to be of this material on Eleventh street southeast, and a few on Columbia Heights.

To Govern Concrete Work.

"The revision committee will take up the question of framing a regulation to govern concrete construction, and in doing it will give every attention to the position of the builder in the matter. But what is more important, I think, we will aim at shaping one which has the public interest in view—that is, will provide for building strength."

The feeling expressed by several members of the committee is that, while much good will result in the end, the work of revising the regulations has not proceeded far enough up to this time to warrant a publication of their views as a whole on the subject. Individual members have been asked to express their opinion as to the particular results to be obtained by the revision work, but reticence prevails among them because they believe that the opinion of any one member might be misconstrued into forecasting the mind of the combined committee.

TO GUARD AGAINST WATER WASTE



TO PLACE METERS DURING SEPTEMBER

Will Install Six Thousand in Private Residences.

NINE BIDS FOR CONTRACTS

Northwest Section of City to Get First Year's Supply on Account of Higher Pumping Cost.

Early next September, with an appropriation of \$100,000 granted by Congress for this specific purpose, Superintendent of the District Water Department W. A. McFarland will begin the work of installing nearly 6,000 water meters in private residences in the District. This is in accordance with a plan which Superintendent McFarland has long urged in order that a check might be put on the extravagant waste of the city's water supply, which characterized its use during last and preceding winters, and which threatened, he says, a serious water famine unless some method of stopping it should be determined upon before the cold snaps of next winter come. The installation of these meters will be the first step in the direction of giving the city an enlarged metering system, which will involve, in addition to the \$100,000 to be spent, several hundred thousand dollars more to make complete.

Will Begin in Northwest.

The plan outlined by Superintendent McFarland is based on a careful study into the results obtained in other cities where private water meters have been generally adopted with successful results. He will begin the work of installation, he says, by selecting a territory in the northwest section of the city, because the ground there is higher, and, in consequence, the cost of pumping water greater than in the lower sections of the city. Many householders have already expressed a desire to have the meters installed, and these will be considered among the first.

A block of houses will be selected and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The meters, although the exact type has not yet been selected from a number of models under consideration, will be compact, occupying a space not more than twenty inches square. The plan to place them in the houses has been rejected, and instead they will be placed under ground in the front yards, about half way between houses and street. This was decided upon as the most feasible plan, in view of difficulties that might possibly arise when the inspectors would call to read the meters and find the house closed and the occupants away.

Meter and Installation for \$14.

Connections will be made with house water pipes and the lateral pipes in the streets, through which the water will flow into the houses after being metered. While the flow of water into the house will be checked to a certain extent, it will not, Superintendent McFarland says, be to the disadvantage of the user. Superintendent McFarland expects to be able to meter about 15 per cent of the city with the \$100,000 appropriation he has available for the work. Afterward

TYPE OF WATER METER.

Of the Same General Design as Those Whose Installation in the Private Residences of the District Will Begin Early in September.

It is estimated that each meter will cost approximately \$7, and to install about \$7 additional.

The expense of the metering, as with similar improvements, will be borne half by the District and the other half by Congress.

Bidders for Contract.

Nine companies have entered the competition to secure the contract for installing water meters. The bidders are the Union Water Meter Company, of Worcester, Mass.; the Pittsburgh Meter Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa.; the National Meter Company, Henry R. Worthington & Co., New York; the Hersey Manufacturing Company, Boston, Mass.; Thomson Meter Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Neptune Meter Company, New York; Standard Meter Company, New York; and Cuyler & Mohr. The bids have been referred to Water Registrar Wallace for classification and recommendation.

Within a short time after the awards are made the work of installing the meters will be started.

BEGGED TO BE LEFT IN ROGUES' GALLERY

PITTSBURGH, July 21.—"Please let me stay up here; I like it so much better than that hot, close cell."

This was the strange request made this forenoon by William E. Hooper, of New York, who had just sat for his picture to be placed in the Pittsburgh rogues' gallery, and for whom a New York officer is now on his way West.

Hooper was arrested yesterday on a charge of false pretense, and after he had been "mugged" on the top floor of the Safety Palace this forenoon, he fairly knocked over the officers who accompanied him by asking that he be allowed to spend the day in the rogues' gallery.

Superintendent of Police Thomas A. McGuire, who is taken with the docility of the request that he consented and detailed an officer to look after the New York man as he remained in the building.

DIED ON THE DAY HE LEFT THE JAIL

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—At the close of his first day of liberty after being released from prison, Alfred Bennett, thirty-seven years old, of 511 South Broad street, was found dead in the kitchen of his home last night. Bennett had just been discharged from the Eastern penitentiary, where he had served a two-and-a-half-year sentence for burglary, and yesterday was the first day in that time he had spent with his family. After supper his relatives noticed him and going into the kitchen discovered Bennett lying dead on the floor.

Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of death, but as he was not ill it is somewhat of a mystery.

Special Sale of Claret Wines, etc., at To-Kalon's.

Monday the carpenters start to remodel our present store—and in order to have the room we must make a quick clearance of some small lots and odds and ends. Here's a few leaders:

Claret, 5 bottles for 98c.
Cal. Apricot Brandy, 89c bottle.
Martini Cocktails—only a few pints left—49c pint.
Cal. Orange Wine, 49c bottle.
Order by phone or mail. All orders delivered.
We close daily at 5:30 p. m.

TO-KALON WINE CO.,
614 14th Street
Phone M. 998.

FAIR WOMEN SELL WINES AND LIQUORS

John Wedderburn Co. Introduces Innovation in Business.

An innovation in the liquor business is the store of the John Wedderburn Company, at 618 F street northwest. And the novelty has existed for several weeks, long enough to prove that it is a distinct success. Not only is the arrangement new, but women clerks are employed.

All those housewives who wish to purchase anything in the liquor line for cooking or other home purposes have shown themselves grateful for the condition of things at the Wedderburn store. The place is airy and clean.

On the white shelves are the champagnes of France and the wines of Spain, the whiskies of Kentucky, and the beverages that come from the hills of California, and every drink known to man.

The product that is most in evidence is the famous Wedderburn rye, which is a blended whisky. It is the unalterable conviction of the company that this is about the finest whisky on the market. To prove its contentions, the firm is selling away a bottle of any other brand, it will for a time sell a bottle of the Wedderburn at \$1.25, the old price, and give with it a bottle of any other of the standard brands that the customers may want.

A drinker at a bar, argues the company, cannot properly distinguish the merits of any particular drink. In order to remedy this, it will give the shopper a bottle of Wedderburn and the other bottle also, just to prove to the man or woman of delicate palate that the Wedderburn is the superior of any other whisky made. The concession is, of course, rather expensive, but the Wedderburn Company prefers to stand this cost for a while in order to show that the whisky it sells is the finest.

The Wedderburn company belongs to a syndicate, and is enabled to buy other brands of whisky throughout the country at such a rate that it can afford to give away a bottle of any standard brand with a bottle of the Wedderburn. These reductions in the price of standard whiskies are not temporary for the sake of advertising, but they will be continued as a permanent thing. That is, if so one wishes to buy the Wedderburn and have another bottle given away with it, the firm will sell to the customer the standard brands at \$5, \$6, or \$7 cents.

BEER TAKEN TO CHURCH SHOCKS CONGREGATION

NORRISTOWN, July 21.—When members of the Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church at Conshohocken opened the doors of their edifice the other day, they were shocked to find a quantity of malt liquor in the hallway.

When the superintendent of the Sunday school took an inventory he found five cases of beer, one of porter, and one of carbonated beverages. Officer Heald was summoned and he hauled the beer, etc., to the police station. He later learned that members of a social club had ordered the beverages. The driver had mistaken the church building for a club house when he made the delivery.

NEBRASKA AWAITS COMING OF BRYAN

Mayors to Go to New York to Welcome Distinguished Citizen.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—Nebraska is to play a part in a reception and greeting to William J. Bryan when the former Presidential candidate arrives in New York late in August from his tour of the world. Mayor Frank W. Brown, of Lincoln, today announced he had received assurances that five Democratic mayors of important Nebraska cities would accompany him to New York to participate in the greeting to the distinguished citizen. Scores of other citizens in all sections of the State have also expressed a desire to be present at the reception, and the Lincoln executive is to engage a special train of Pullman sleepers to accommodate the entire party.

Mayor Brown has been notified from New York that he and other Nebraska mayors may be made members of the reception committee in compliment to Mr. Bryan and in recognition of the fact that the Nebraska mayors come from Bryan's home State.

Relatives of Mr. Bryan in Lincoln say they do not expect him to stop in all of the cities that have made requests to that effect, but that he will probably come direct from New York to Lincoln in the homecoming reception in the Nebraska capital, stopping only in Chicago en route. Later in September he may make a tour of the State.

RESOLUTIONS DEPLORE DEATH OF FRANK HUME

The death of Frank Hume is deplored in resolutions adopted at the last joint meeting of the medical staff and the board of visitors of Providence Hospital. Mr. Hume was for a long time a member of the board of visitors of the institution.

The resolutions recite with appreciation Mr. Hume's "wisdom and counsel in all matters when called upon, his kindly consideration for suffering humanity, his courteous treatment of all persons with whom he came in contact, and his tender love and affection as a husband and father."

Those signing the resolutions were Drs. Charles C. Marbury, D. Percy Hickling, and Llewellyn Elliott, and Gen. Thomas M. Vincent and A. S. Simmons.

DROWNING WOMAN SAVED BY SWEDES

Miss Stokley, of Philadelphia, Almost Lost at Cape May.

CAPE MAY, N. J., July 21.—Miss Stokley, of Philadelphia, a sixteen-year-old girl, who was staying at the Beach Villa, South Cape May, had a narrow escape from drowning this afternoon near Cape May Point. She got out beyond her depth and floated around in the water a few minutes before being picked up. Her father attempted to reach her, but not being a good swimmer was unable to do so. About this time Capt. James V. Eldredge, of the Cape May Point life-saving station, noticing the peril of the girl, signaled to some fishermen who were in a yawl off the shore. When they got in the breakers Captain Eldredge found them to be Swedes, who could not speak English, but he finally made them understand what he wanted and boarded the yawl, taking them to the side of the girl.

COLORED WOMAN FINED FOR TROUBLE IN ALLEY

"Jedge, dat girl 'low as how there was some 'omans in ally that was'f ten for a dog to bark at and said Ah was one of dem. When she said dat Ah smacked her good and hard."

This was Agnes Whitney's explanation to Judge Kimball in the Police Court today for assaulting Etta Pitts, and for which she was assessed \$20 with an alternative of spending the next two months down on the farm.

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Optical Service in
the City.

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\$2.00 Eyeglasses. Spe-
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July Clean-up Sale

This isn't an ordinary sale. A Sale of merchandise bought cheap (because defective or out of date) for sale purposes.

No, indeed! This is a sale of our regular stocks—and that means the best and highest grade goods in the country.

And such prices! Such bargains! Such selling opportunities! The most astute bargain longings more than satisfied here. No one has admitted of experiencing the equal of this event as an economizing time.

And no one will—because all during its course every counter will be laden with unheard-of values. Watch our daily ads—they tell the story.

\$15.00 Taffeta Silk Shirt Waist Suits \$5.55

100 Women's Shirt Waist Suits, of taffeta silk, in black, blue, green, gray, black and white check, and gray and white plaid; waist open back; yoke of tucks and insertion; circular skirt. For the clean-up price of \$5.55; worth three times the price.

Our Upholstery Dept. Is At- tracting Wide Interest.

Natural, for it is a sale that appeals to all classes and purses. It is a sale of marked significance, embracing our own goods. All go to make up the July clean-up sale.

75 Remnants of Floor Oil Cloth; former selling price 30c and 25c square yard; good colorings; width, 1 yard and 1½ yards; yard, 19c.

Remnants of Matting that sold as high as 35c yard; lengths from 5 to 10 yards; not damaged; but remnants that have accumulated from past sales, 15c.

A lot of Shades slightly soiled; some have lace edging; mounted on good spring roller; none sold for less than 25c; some as high as 50c; choice, each, 12c.

42 Mosquito Canopy; size 9x10 1/2 inches; an indispensable necessity if you contemplate a trip to the country; close mesh; each, \$1.48.

25 pieces Heavy China Matting; 5 different designs and colorings; good quality; worth \$8.00 per roll. Special, roll, \$5.98.

54 Old Rope Portieres; a large line of colorings, embracing reds, two tones; green and red, red, green, and tan, &c. These are all choice draperies, but the special price is put on them to make a complete clearance.

25% Off Marked Prices
\$1.39 Woven Cotton Hammock; wide valance on either side; choice colorings; both light and dark; padded pillow, \$1.19.

15c Linenware, an excellent imitation of real linen; all the newest stripes; makes durable slip covers; yard, 12c.

We'll make you a five-piece suits of this material; French seams or bound; guaranteed to fit, \$7.50.

Yard-wide Unbleached Sheet; very heavy; free from mote spots; short length; 6 to 15 yards. Special, 64c.

9-4 Dallas Unbleached sheeting; round thread; full width for double bed sheets. Special, 20c.

Regular 10c and 12c Torchon Lace, with insertion to match; in good widths; now, yard, 5c.

Wash Net in white and cream; 72 inches wide; pretty for waists and dresses; regular value, 60c yard; now, 4c.

Extra Fine Tape, Tomorrow, 4c.

Tomato Pin Cushions, Tomorrow, 6c.

Lightweight Dress Shields, Tomorrow, 25c.

Tomorrow, 4 for, 25c.

Machine Oil, the best, Tomorrow, 3c.

Oil Can, Tomorrow, 4c.

Gigantic Reductions in Stylish Shirt Waists

Read the three waist items we mention below, and be sure to take advantage of the savings, for such waists can be worn all the year 'round, but cannot be bought at any other time for so little money.

Women's Black and White India Silk Shirt Waists; open front and back; long and short sleeves; trimmed with tucks and lace; sizes 34 to 40. Former prices, \$3.68 and \$3.98. Special, \$1.98.

Women's White Lawn Shirt Waists; open back; high and low neck; trimming of lace and embroidery; short sleeves; sizes 32 to 44. Value, \$1.75. Special, 66c.

Women's White Lawn Waists; open back; long or short sleeves; embroidery and lace trimmed; sizes 34 to 42. Value, \$2.50. Special, 95c.

Silks at Clean-up Prices

25 Pieces 19-inch Pongee, 29c
37c Value for

These silks are ALL SILK, and will make an excellent jacket or skirt lining. We have them in a variety of shades, including light blue and pink, gray, tan, rose, cardinal, Nile, with black, cream, and white.

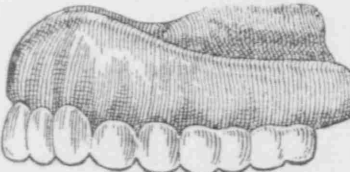
Special priced 36-inch Guaranteed Black Taffeta—
\$1.25 value for, 98c
\$1.50 value for, \$1.19
\$1.75 value for, \$1.25

Oriental Black Jap. Habutais

These goods are the best known silks of the kind in the market, being guaranteed spot-proof, perspiration-proof, and fast black. At the following reduced prices:

Our 27-inch 69c value for, 50c
Our 27-inch 75c value for, 59c
Our 27-inch 85c value for, 69c
Our 27-inch 89c value for, 75c
Our 27-inch \$1.00 value for, 85c
Our 27-inch \$1.25 value for, \$1.00

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All regular \$5 Plates—\$3.00
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All regular \$7.50 to \$10
Plates—my price is only \$5.00
All regular \$12 to \$15
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German Porcelain Fillings, \$1.00. Porcelain
Crowns, \$3.50. 22-k. Gold Crown, \$4.00. Silver
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